

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 14, 2004

SENATE BILL

No. 1526

Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth

February 19, 2004

An act to add Section 8588.12 to the Government Code, relating to ~~emergency services~~ *public resources*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1526, as amended, Hollingsworth. ~~Emergency services~~ *Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: pilots: precertification.*

Existing law ~~authorizes the Director of the Office of Emergency Services to procure from the federal government or any of its agencies surplus equipment, apparatus, supplies, and storage facilities that may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of existing laws relating to emergencies. Existing law also authorizes the office to acquire new or used firefighting apparatus and equipment for resale to local agencies~~ *establishes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection within the Resources Agency and makes the department responsible for the fire protection, fire prevention, maintenance, and enhancement of the state's forest, range, and brushland resources, contract fire protection, associated emergency services, and assistance in civil disasters and other nonfire emergencies.*

This bill would require the ~~office~~ *department* to develop a program to ~~certify~~ *precertify* active duty military pilots to engage in firefighting in the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) Active military personnel and equipment are located in
4 areas that can provide immediate fire response to assist local
5 efforts during equipment shortages or widespread disasters.

6 (b) ~~The Office of Emergency Services~~ *Department of Forestry*
7 *and Fire Protection* provides valuable assistance in coordinating
8 emergency *air response* efforts.

9 (c) It is necessary to ensure that all available personnel and
10 equipment in this state are immediately available to protect the life
11 and property of the residents of this state.

12 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that the ~~Office of~~
13 ~~Emergency Services~~ *Department of Forestry and Fire Protection*
14 works with the active military to ~~certify~~ *precertify* pilots and
15 equipment for firefighting efforts in this state.

16 SEC. 2. Section 8588.12 is added to the Government Code, to
17 read:

18 8588.12. ~~The Office of Emergency Services~~ *Department of*
19 *Forestry and Fire Protection* shall develop a program to certify
20 active duty military pilots to engage in firefighting in the state.

